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We transmit immediately hereafter an amended claim 1.

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1. (currently amended) An absorbent product such as a sanitary towel, incontinence protection or protection for briefs, which product (1; 18) has an elongate shape with a longitudinal direction (8) and a transverse direction (9), an upper side (10) and a lower side (11), and has a first end portion (6) intended to face forwards on the wearer and a second end portion (7) intended to face backwards on the wearer, and wherein the first end portion (6) has greater width than the second end portion (7) and the width of the second end portion (7) of the product is 40 mm maximum, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the long sides (2, 3) of this end portion (7) are essentially arcuate and curved inwards towards the longitudinal centre line (8) of the product; the curvature of said long sides (2, 3) changes from concave to convex at a second point (Q) or with unchanged curvature direction intersects said end edge (5), and in

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that the angle (v) between an end line (X), which runs in the transverse direction of the product and tangent to the edge (5) of its second end portion (7), and a side line (N), drawn between a first point (P), which forms the intersection between one long side (2) of the product and a straight line (B) running in the transverse direction of the product at a distance of 80 mm from said end line (X), and [[a]] said second point (Q) ~~at the point where the curvature of said long side (2) changes direction near said end edge (5) or with unchanged curvature direction intersects end edge (5),~~ lies between 95° and 110°.